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(57) Abstract

A method for inhibiting rejection of tissues transplanted into a mammalian host is disclosed. Treatment of the tissues with an enzyme or combination of enzyme, particularly papain, to eliminate cell surface structures necessary for recognition by the host's immune system, particularly MHC Class I molecules, avoids or reduces the attack of the host's immune system on the transplanted tissues. Tissues that are enzymatically shaved of MHC Class I antigens and/or other critical adhesion molecules can be rendered at least temporarily resistant or immune to attack by cytolytic T lymphocytes, helper T lymphocytes, antibodies, or other effector cells of a host's immune system, thereby enhancing the survivability of the tissues in the host after transplant.

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search terms: transplantation, donor tissue, MHC Class I antigens, papan, galactosidase

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X ---- Y	**GALATI** et al. Quantative Cytometry of MHC Class I Digestion from Living Cells. Cytometry. 1997. Vol 27, pages 77-83.	15,19, 22-25,27, 29,30,33 ---------- 1-14,16-18, 21,26,28, 31,32,34-37
X ---- Y	US 5,416,260 A (**KOLLER** et al) 16 May 1995. abstract.	24 ---------- 1-23,27-37
X ---- Y	US 4,399,123 A (**OLIVER** et al) 16 August 1983. col. 6-7, examples 1-4; col. 2, lines 16, 37-45, 60-65.	1-8,15-21 ---------- 9-14,22-37

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Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	**STONE** et al. Porcine Cartilage Transplants in the Cynomolgus Monkey.III. Transplantation of alpha-Galactosidase-Treated Porcine Cartilage. Transplantation. 27 June 1998. Vol 65. No. 12, pages 1577-1583, abstract.	1-37

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets.

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   - IV [ ] Lack of unity of invention
   - V [X] Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
   - VI [ ] Certain documents cited
   - VII [ ] Certain defects in the international application
   - VIII [ ] Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

☐ the international application as originally filed

☒ the description:
pages (See Attached) , as originally filed
pages _____ , filed with the demand
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☒ the claims:
pages (See Attached) , as originally filed
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☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

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4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☒ the description, pages NONE

☒ the claims, Nos. NONE

☒ the drawings, sheets/~~fig~~ NONE

5. ☐ This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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***Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.*

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	(Please See supplemental sheet)	YES
	Claims	(Please See supplemental sheet)	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims	(Please See supplemental sheet)	YES
	Claims	(Please See supplemental sheet)	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims	(Please See supplemental sheet)	YES
	Claims	(Please See supplemental sheet)	NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 15, 19, 22-25, 27, 29, 30 and 33 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Galati et al..

The claims are directed to a method for treating mammal donor tissue or for inhibiting rejection of mammal donor tissue wherein the method comprises a step of treating a mammal donor tissue with an enzyme effective for removing or temporarily ablating MHC Class I antigens from the donor tissue. Some claims are/are further drawn to the use of enzyme such as papain. Some claims are further drawn to the use of a solution with papain at 5-60 mg/ml for a period of 5 minutes to 24 hours. Some claims are further drawn to treatment of blood cells. Some claims are directed to a mammalian tissue treated with papain. Some claims are directed to a transplantation pack comprising tissue in a nutrient or preservative solution and a papain.

Galati et al. discloses a method for removing MHC Class I antigens by treating various living tissue cells with a solution of papain at 0.5-4 mg/ml for 2-6 hours. Digestion or removal of MHC Class I molecules were carried on living cells. See abstract and page 78 at "Materials and Methods" section. The mammalian tissue cells treated with papain were viable and they had a significant reduction of MHC class I antigenic molecules (page 79 at "Results" section). Thus, the method and tissue as claimed are considered to be anticipated by the cited method and tissue. Although the cited reference does not clearly teach a whole composition as a transplantation pack, the cited composition comprises identical items as claimed such as mammalian tissues or cell lines and an enzyme effective for removing MHC Class I antigen or papain. Thus, the claimed invention is anticipated by the cited reference.

Claims 1-8 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2)as being anticipated by US 4,399,123.

The claims are directed to a method for inhibiting rejection of mammal donor tissue wherein the method comprises a step of treating a mammal donor tissue with an enzyme effective for removing MHC Class I antigen and step of transplanting the treated tissue. Some claims are further drawn to the use of a (Continued on Supplemental Sheet.)

Supplemental Box
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I. BASIS OF REPORT:

This report has been drawn on the basis of the description,
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NONE

This report has been drawn on the basis of the claims,
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Pages 14-17, filed with the letter of 07 May 2001.

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V. 1. REASONED STATEMENTS:
The report as to Novelty was positive (YES) with respect to claims 9-14,16-18,20,21,26,28,31,32,34-37.
The report as to Novelty was negative (NO) with respect to claims 1-8,15,19,22-25,27,29,30,33.
The report as to Inventive Step was positive (YES) with respect to claims NONE.
The report as to Inventive Step was negative (NO) with respect to claims 1-37.
The report as to Industrial Applicability was positive (YES) with respect to claims 1-37.
The report as to Industrial Applicability was negative (NO) with respect to claims NONE.

V. 2. REASONED STATEMENTS - CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS (Continued):
second enzyme to remove antigenic surface structure. Some claims are further drawn to the treatment of skin cells.

US 4,399,123 teaches a method for inhibiting rejection of donor tissue wherein the method comprises a step of treating a mammalian fibrous tissues with a first proteolytic enzyme and a second carbohydrate splitting enzyme in order to remove antigenic structures and to obtain a preparation which is intended and suitable for homo- and hetero-transplantation (abstract or col. 2, lines 1-45). The preferred enzyme combinations are trypsin or chymotrypsin and amylase (examples 1-4). The suitable proteolytic enzymes include papain (col. 2, lines 63-64). The fibrous tissues are human or porcine dermis tissues. Thus, the cited method comprises identical active step and identical structural elements as the claimed method. Although the cited reference does not clearly demonstrate the removal of MHC Class I antigenic molecules, the cited method is reasonably expected to result in the removal of glycoproteins such as MHC Class I molecules particularly in view that two identical types of enzymes such as proteolytic and carbohydrate splitting enzymes are used for removal of antigenic structures including glycoproteins (col.2, line 16).

Claims 1-34 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over US 4,399,123 taken with Galati et al., US 5,416,260 and Stone et al.

The claims are directed to a method for preparing donor tissues for transplantation or for inhibiting rejection of mammalian donor tissue wherein the method comprises a step of treating a donor tissue with a combination of two enzymes such as an enzyme effective for removing MHC Class I antigen from the donor tissue or papain and a second enzyme such as galactosidase. Some claims are further drawn to the use of a solution with papain at 5-60 mg/ml for a period of 5 minutes to 24 hours. Some claims are further drawn to the treatment of blood cells, skin cells, etc. Some claims are directed to a mammalian tissue with a reduced amounts of MHC Class I antigens. Some claims are directed to a transplantation pack comprising tissue

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in a nutrient or preservative solution and a papain.

US 4,399,123 is applied here for the disclosure of a mammalian tissues obtained by a method and for the disclosure of a method for inhibiting rejection of a donor tissue wherein the method comprises a step of treating a tissue with two types of enzymes in order to remove antigenic structures including glycoproteins and polysaccharides. The reference is lacking a particular exemplified disclosure of a proteolytic enzyme such as papain in a combination with a particular carbohydrate splitting enzyme such as galactosidase. However, the cited patent suggests the use of papain as a suitable proteolytic enzyme. And the other reference by Galati et al. particularly demonstrates that papain removes glycoproteins such as MHC Class I molecules carried out on living mammalian cells in a method for inhibiting rejection of donor tissue or a method for reducing amounts of antigenic molecules recognizable by lymphocytes.

The reference by Stone et al. discloses tissues for transplantation and a method for inhibiting rejection of a donor tissue by treating the tissue with galactosidase (pages 1577-1578 at paragraphs "Methods" and "Conclusions").

And US 5,416,260 teaches that tissues lacking MHC antigens are universal donor cells for transplantation which would not be rejected or destroyed by recipient immune system (col. 1, lines 15-18, 40-55; col. 4, lines 15-21). Although the cited patent discloses tissue which is obtained by recombinant techniques rather than enzymatic treatment, the cited patent clearly suggests the various tissues/cells with reduced or eliminated amounts of MHC Class I antigens as suitable for transplantation.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the claimed invention was made to substitute papain and galactosidase for particular enzymes in the method for preparing donor tissues as disclosed by US 4,399,123 with a reasonable expectation of success in practicing method for inhibiting rejection of donor tissues and obtaining tissues suitable for transplantation because the use of papain have been suggested [US 4,399,123] and/or shown [Galati et al.] by the cited prior art references and removal of gal-epitopes with galactosidase have been successfully demonstrated for transplants [Stone et al.]. Since the use of cells lacking MHC Class I antigens as universal donor tissues [US 5,416,260] and methods for obtaining such tissues are known in the art of cellular and organ therapies including transplantation [US 4,399,123; Galati et al.; Stone et al.] the claimed invention as a whole was clearly lacking an inventive step particularly in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

With regard to the claimed invention directed to a transplantation pack it is noted that although this composition is not clearly disclosed by the cited US patent '123, the similar composition intended for transplantation comprising the similar items as claimed such as donor tissues and combination of two types of enzymes, is suggested by the cited US patent '123 and, thus, a transplantation pack would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art within the meaning of the lack of an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

With regard to the claims directed to mammalian transplant tissues it is noted the mammalian tissue as disclosed by US 4,399,123 and Galati et al. appear to be similar to the presently claimed tissue. The disclosed donor tissues have been treated with two types of enzymes and they are viable and suitable for transplantation. Even if the claimed tissues are not identical to the referenced tissue with regard to some undisclosed characteristics such as, for example, particular amounts of particular molecules removed, the differences between that which is disclosed and that which is claimed are considered to be so slight that the referenced tissues are likely inherently possess the same characteristics of the claimed tissues particularly in view of the similar characteristics which they have been shown to share with regard to reduction of antigenic surface molecules, viability and/or successful transplantation. And, thus, they would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art within the meaning of the lack of an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

Applicants' amendment to the claims is drawn to emphasize a temporary effect of an enzymatic removal of MHC antigens from the surface of tissues/cells intended for transplantation. Thus, the claim objection for lacking novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by US 5,416,260 has been withdrawn since the disclosed recombinant preparation of tissues lacking MHC antigens would result in permanent removal of MHC antigens without possibility for future expression.
However, with regard to the other cited references applicants amendment and arguments are not persuasive because enzymatic removal of MHC antigens have been demonstrated in the prior art and tissues lacking MHC antigens have been taught as universal donor for transplantation. The reference by Galati et al. discloses removal of MHC antigens from living cells or tissues and, thus, these treated tissues/cells are reasonably believed to be capable of future expression of MHC as intended or as argued by applicants. With regard to the cited patent US 4,399,123 applicants seem to argue that it suggests for transplantation a tissue lacking MHC antigens which is dead or sterilized. This is not found true because sterilization which is described by US'123 is intended for purification from contamination rather than preparation of a dead tissue (col. 5, line 48 or line 66). Moreover, the cited patent teaches do not exceed certain limits in application of a sterilizing agent such as glutaraldehyde solution, for example: col.6, lines 2-3.

---------- NEW CITATIONS ----------
NONE

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